

## **SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

1. The South Dakota Board of Education is created by SDCL 1-45-6.1 and consists of nine members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Pursuant to SDCL 1-45-6.3, two of the nine members must be representative of vocational education in South Dakota.
2. The Board sets standards and expectations for the quality and improvement of public education through statewide policies and administrative rules, in accordance with authority granted by the South Dakota Legislature.
3. Through these policies and administrative rules, the Board:
  - a. Approves academic content standards;
  - b. Sets requirements for graduation, accreditation, educator preparation and certification, and postsecondary technical institute programs; and
  - c. Approves postsecondary technical institute fees, tuition, and facility bonding, consistent with amounts approved by the Legislature.
4. In performing its duties, the Board is a strong advocate for the best interests of students in public school districts and technical institutes and gathers the input and concerns of a variety of stakeholders in the educational process.
5. The Board does not oversee the South Dakota Department of Education or individual school districts or postsecondary technical institutes and does not approve budgets or contracts, hire or supervise personnel, or monitor federal grants and programs.